National Commission for Women

2384. DR. Y.S. RAJASEKHARA REDDY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether National Commission for Women have suggested for codification of criminal laws pertaining to offences against women; and

(b) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Women Welfare Oriented Schemes

2385. SHRI MAHESH KUMAR M. KANODIA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of women welfare oriented schemes implemented in Gujarat in 1996;

(b) the number of women benefited from these schemes in 1996, scheme-wise; and

(c) the number of schemes out of them directly implemented by the Department of Women and Child Development?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Accredition of Teachers

2386. SHRI B.L. SHARMA 'PREM' : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have taken notice of the need for accredition of teachers in the school system for improving the quality and performance of school education as expressed in the recent conference of E-9 countries;

(b) if so, whether the Government are satisfied with the quality of training imparted to teachers by various universities/institutions through correspondence courses; and

(c) if not, the steps being taken for providing training of required standard to teachers through regular courses, to meet the expanding needs in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Since the Government was not entirely satisfied with the quality of training imparted to teachers by various universities/institutions through correspondence as well as regular courses, the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) a statutory body has been set-up under the NCTE Act, 1993 on 17.8.95 with a view to achieving planned and co-ordinated development of the teacher education system throughout the country and the regulation and proper maintenance of norms and standards in the teacher education system. Since its establishment, NCTE has taken steps for developing norms and standards for recognition of teacher training institutions and courses.

[Translation]

Repair of N.Hs in Bihar

2387. SHRI SHATRUGHAN PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Highway No. 28 from Dalsing Sarai to Bachhbara and National Highway No. 39 from Balia to Sahebpur Kamal and Pasrahaa are in dilapidated condition; and

(b) if so, the time by which the Government propose to undertake repair of these National Highways?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. The reach from Balia to Sahebpur Kamal and Pasrahaa zone are on NH 31 and not on NH. 39.

Maintenance of National Highways is a continuous process and ordinary repairs, periodic renewals and restoration of monsoon damages are taken up, wherever necessary, within available resources, to strengthen the National Highways. Moreover, the following works have also been sanctioned :-

(i) Improvements in a stretch of 2 Km. on NH-31 in Pasrahaa. The work is at the stage of tendering.

(ii) Construction of a new culvert near Bachhbara is in progress.

Development of Educational Infrastructure

2388. SHRI D.P. YADAV : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have formulated any policy for the development of the educational infrastructure for minorities in Uttar Pradesh, particularly in Sambhal area;

(b) if so, the expenditure incurred thereon during the last two years; and

(c) the details of the expected outcome?